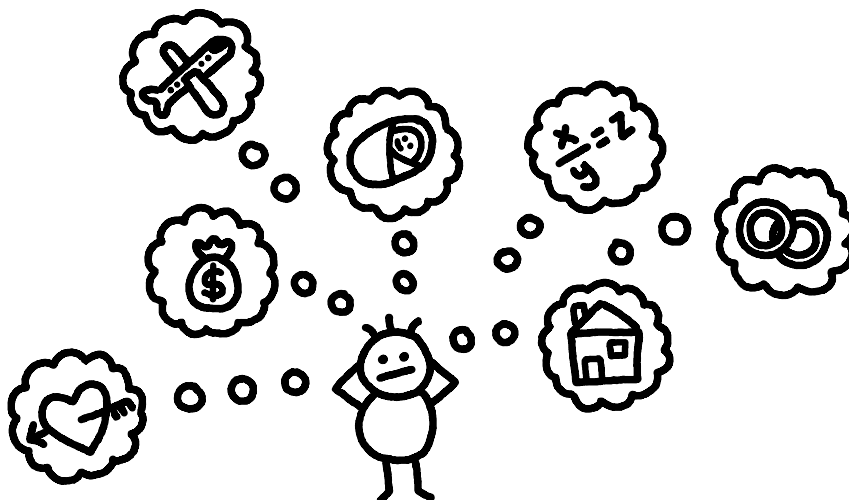


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1. A dilemma is a situation where somebody has to choose between two equally good (or bad) options.

What are some dilemmas that people face in everyday life? Brainstorm in groups.

E.g. 'Should I stay in a well-paid boring job or get a badly paid interesting job?'

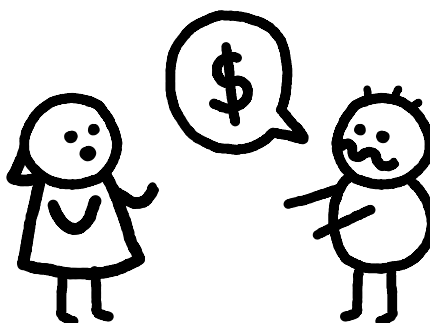


2. Look at the list of reasons why people make decisions. In pairs, order them from most to least important. Give reasons.

It makes me happier.	<input type="checkbox"/>	It makes other people happier.	<input type="checkbox"/>
It makes everybody equally happy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	It causes the least pain.	<input type="checkbox"/>
It's the most practical decision.	<input type="checkbox"/>	It follows the law.	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Read the dilemma and the four responses on Worksheet 2.

- Which reason from task 2 is most important to each response?
- Who do you agree with the most? Why?
- What would you do in this situation and why? Tell your partner.



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4. Look at the words and phrases in bold in the texts on Worksheet 2. Write them under *contrast*, *reason* or *result* in the table below. Can you add any more words or phrases?

Contrast	Reason	Result

5. Choose the correct word or phrase.

- I'd love to have a well-paid job. **However** / **Since**, I'm not very hard-working.
- Although** / **Therefore** I'd like to get married in future, I'm happy being single right now.
- I moved out of my parents' home, and **as a result** / **nevertheless** I can't see my family every day.
- My dream is to travel the world **to that end** / **as** I want to have lots of different experiences.
- They decided to move to Chicago **since** / **though** they had family there.
- I got a job instead of going to university and **consequently** / **as** I have lots of work experience but no qualifications.

6. Finish the sentences with your own ideas. Share them with a partner. Do you agree with what your partner wrote? Why? Why not?

- Most people follow the rules **as** ...
- Although** it's good to look after other people, you should ...
- You can't help everyone, and **as a result** ...
- Do what's best for others **despite the fact that** ...

7. In pairs or small groups, you will read three more dilemmas. Decide what you would do *and* what you think most people would do in each case. Write down your answers.